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Office Action Summary

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Period for Response

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- If NO period for response is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to respond within the set or extended period for response will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11-17-98
- ☐ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) 2
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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CLAIMS

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1- 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Grisham (US 4739128).

Regarding claim 1, Grisham shows:

a display (51);
a key section (29 or 50); and
information items (see 51).

Regarding claim 6, Grisham shows:

a display (51);
two key sections (29 or 50; buttons in fig. 6);
selecting and executing an information item (col. 2, lines 19-22).

Regarding claims 10, Grisham shows:

a display (51);
first key section (29 or 50);

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second key section (buttons in fig. 6);
a memory and controller (see operation of 51 in fig. 6).

Regarding claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-13, Grisham shows:

the joystick key (50) which has movement and execution key (see fig. 4);
arrow and execution keys (see 29 in fig. 5).

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 6-232992 in view of Grisham.

Regarding claims 1-13, JP 6-232992 shows:

a joystick key (fig. 2) which has movement and execution key;
an arrow key (fig. 4);
the search and executing information item.

JP 6-232992 differs from the claimed invention in that it does not show an application of the invention with a telephone which has another set of key and display and memory.

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However, Grisham teaches providing a similar key as '992 in a telephone which has a second set of key, display, memory and controller. Since '992 is in the phone environment, therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to apply '992 in Grisham's type of phone. This simply can be considered as an intended use of '992, as the basic concept and operation of the joystick key is substantially unchanged.

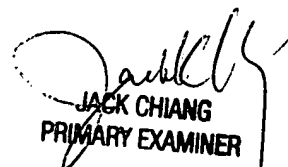
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Chiang whose telephone number is (703) 305-4728. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Krista Zele, can be reached on (703) 305-4701. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-6306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

J. Chiang

July 27, 2000


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PRIMARY EXAMINER